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| Report for: | Cabinet – 9 July 2013 | Item Number: | |
| Title: | Member Appointment to Vacancy on the Children’s Safeguarding Policy and Practice Committee | | |
| Report Authorised by: | Nick Walkley, Chief Executive | | |
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| Ward(s) affected: None | Report for Non Key Decision | | |

1. Describe the issue under consideration

To make an appointment to the Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Committee following notification of a change in its membership.

2. Cabinet Member introduction

It is vital that as a Council we have in place the necessary arrangements for ensuring we discharge our corporate parenting and child safeguarding arrangements. The governance arrangements for corporate parenting and child safeguarding matters respond clearly to the issues which were raised in the JAR inspection at the end of 2008.

3. Recommendations

3.1 That Councillor Hare be appointed to serve on the Children’s Safeguarding Policy and Practice Committee for the remainder of 2013/14.

4. Other options considered

Agreement to this appointment is required to fill the current vacancy on the Children’s Safeguarding Policy and Practice Committee.



5. Background information

Provision exists in the Council Constitution for the Cabinet to establish advisory or consultative bodies the membership of which is not limited to Cabinet Members. The Joint Area Review report into Haringey's Children Services in 2009 identified the need to improve governance of safeguarding arrangements for children. The Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Committee was established in July 2009 in response to this and has continued to be re-established by the Cabinet since this date.

6. Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and financial implications

Members should note that the advisory committees have no formal decision making powers and thus will not have the authority to incur expenditure or make budgetary decisions.

7. Head of Legal Services and legal implications

The Council's Constitution sets out the relevant Cabinet arrangements at Part Three, Section D and confirms that the Cabinet may establish decision making committees, which may only include Cabinet Members. The Cabinet may establish advisory Committees, the membership of which need not be limited to Cabinet Members. The Cabinet may change them, abolish them, or create further ones, at its own discretion. Under the new executive leadership arrangements, these powers of the Cabinet must be exercised with the agreement of the Leader and may be exercised by the Leader personally.

8. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments

There has been consultation on the proposed nominations to the two Advisory Committees within the Majority and Minority Political Groups.

9. Policy Implication

There are no policy implications attached to this decision.

10. Use of Appendices

None

11. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Background Papers

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report;



Haringey Council

Report to Cabinet on 18 June 2013 entitled Appointment of Cabinet Advisory Committees.